

REMARKS

Claims 23-29 and 34 have been cancelled. Claim 30 has been amended to incorporate the language of cancelled Claim 23 in addition to the definition of the pH to be greater than 13 and up to 14 as described on pages 4 (line 6) and 11 (Table 2, Developer A that is representative of the present invention).

New Claims 35-38 contain subject matter of cancelled Claims 24-27. New Claim 39 is described on page 5 (lines 1-2) and new Claim 40 is described on page 9 (fourth line from the bottom).

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 23-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Nagase (US 7,141,358). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 30 calls for a developer composition pH greater than 13 and Nagase fails to describe this feature. Thus, the rejection should be withdrawn.

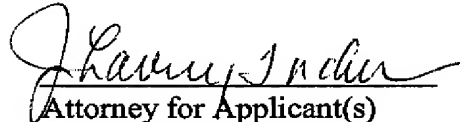
Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 23-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Annoura et al. (US 2001/0036595). This rejection is also respectfully traversed as Claim 30 calls for the developer composition pH to be greater than 13 and Annoura et al. fails to describe this feature. Thus, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 23-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Lewis et al (US 4,822,722). This rejection is moot as these claims have been cancelled.

It is believed that this application is ready for examination, and that upon a review of the prior art, it will be readily seen that the application is allowable. Early action to that end is earnestly solicited.

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